

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

I. Summary of Examiner's Restriction Requirement

Prior to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2006, Claims 1-74 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, a Restriction Requirement was issued and the Claims were divided into patentably distinct species as follows:

Group 1: Claims 1-7, 17-25, 34-45, 54-65, and 74.

Group 2: Claims 1, 8, 17-18, 26, 34-38, 46, 54-58, 66, and 74.

Group 3: Claims 1, 9-12, 17-18, 27-30, 34-38, 47-50, 54-58, 67-70, and 74.

Group 4: Claims 1, 13-18, 31-38, 51-58, and 71-74.

II. Applicant's Election of Species

Applicants herein elect to prosecute Group 1, Claims 1-7, 17-25, 34-45, 54-65, and 74, in the present application. Applicants withdraw Claims 8-16, 26-33, 46-53, and 66-73 without prejudice. In the event that a generic claim is allowed, Applicants reserve the right to file additional claims directed toward the subject matter of the generic claim. Applicants also reserve the right to file divisional applications including withdrawn claims.

III. Conclusion

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, December 6, 2006.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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